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PLO Affairs

Al-Biqa' Clashes — Fatah loyalists and dissidents resumed fighting in the Al-Biqa' valley on the evening of 25 July after a lull during the day, according to Beirut radio. Voice of Lebanon radio said Syrian tanks assisted the dissidents by shelling the loyalists, while a Fatah loyalist spokesman cited by Radio Monte Carlo said the Syrians intervened to maintain the cease-fire. The dissidents made a limited advance into the town of Jdita, northwest of Shtawrah, in the face of strong resistance from loyalist forces, Radio Monte Carlo reported.

Political Developments — The PLO Executive Committee has decided to convene the Palestine Central Council in the near future to enable Palestinian institutions to play their full role during the present "exceptional circumstances," the committee announced at the end of its recent meetings in Tunis in a statement broadcast by Baghdad Voice of PLO radio. After studying PLO-Syrian relations and the internal Palestinian situation in light of the report submitted by the special committee headed by PNC Speaker Khalid al-Fahum, the Executive Committee decided to ask Al-Fahum's committee to continue its mediation efforts. The Executive Committee also reaffirmed the importance of preserving independent Palestinian decision-making, stressed the need for restoring normal relations with Syria, and called on Palestinian information organs to adhere to a "constructive" stand, the statement noted. Meanwhile, PNC Speaker al-Fahum returned to Damascus from the Soviet Union in order to resume talks with the Fatah dissidents and Syrian leaders, KUNA reported. Al-Fahum also issued invitations to the 80 Palestine Central Council members to meet in Tunis on 30 July, KUNA added. Yasir 'Arafat, chairman of the PLO Executive Committee, discussed the current Palestinian situation with Saudi King Fahd in At-Ta'if, Baghdad Voice of PLO radio reported.

Lebanon

Military, Security Situation — Two explosions believed to have been caused by Katyusha rockets occurred in Sidon near the Israeli military governor's headquarters, Jerusalem Radio reported. According to Beirut Radio, one rocket fell near the university and the other landed near the Israeli military headquarters. An Israeli spokesman cited by AFP confirmed the incidents and stated that no casualties or damages had been reported. The army surrounded the area, the spokesman added. Meanwhile, Israeli army convoys withdrew south from the Al-Biqa' valley and the Ash-Shuf area, according to Beirut Radio. No official announcement linking this withdrawal with the planned redeployment has been made, the radio said. The report also asserted that the IDF is setting up fortifications and bunkers south of the Al-'Awwali River.

In another development, two special emissaries from Walid Junblatt's Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) arrived in Israel and stated that the IDF has become more sympathetic toward the Druze in the Ash-Shuf area, a senior source in the Israeli Druze community cited by IDF Radio claimed.

Deteriorating UNIFIL-IDF relations — A UNIFIL spokesman rejected accusations that UNIFIL soldiers are collaborating with the PLO, hindering IDF movements, or gathering information on IDF posts in Lebanon, Jerusalem radio reported. Israeli security sources told the radio that "too many incidents" have occurred for the IDF to regard them as errors.

Political Developments — President Amin al-Jumayyil denounced the newly formed National Salvation Front, calling it an "airborne opposition carried on board a Syrian Army helicopter," Voice of Lebanon radio reported. In remarks made after a meeting with French President Francois Mitterrand, Al-Jumayyil claimed that 99 percent of the Lebanese people support the government and insisted that the Lebanese Army can ensure security for the Ash-Shuf area after the Israeli withdrawal. He also repeated his call for a UN referendum in the zones now occupied by Syria and Israel.

Meanwhile, the Phalangist forces Command Council asked the Lebanese Army commander in chief to issue a warrant for the arrest of Walid Junblatt after his public admission that PSP artillery bombarded Beirut airport, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon said.

In remarks broadcast by Beirut radio after his visit to the United States, Foreign Minister Elie Salim praised the U.S. commitment to the Lebanon and expressed hope for the new presidential envoy Robert McFarlane, calling August a month of "intense diplomatic activity." Salim reiterated Lebanon's commitment to the total withdrawal of foreign forces.

Israel

A Knesset member who returned from the USSR 25 July reported a Soviet official's warning that the USSR will intervene if Israel tries to attack Syria or the new missiles there, according to Jerusalem radio

Syria

Reacting to reports that President Reagan will visit the Middle East shortly, a 26 July *Tishrin* editorial reviewed by Damascus radio asserted that Reagan will seek to personally supervise the next step of the "plot" and give life to the Reagan plan. Earlier, a radio commentary on McFarlane's appointment as Reagan's personal Middle East envoy said there is little hope U.S. policy

will be better in the future than it was during Philip Habib's time. Meanwhile, in a *Tishrin* article reported by Radio Monte Carlo, Culture Minister Najah al-'Attar accused Lebanese President al-Jumayyil of "conspiring with the United States" to take military action against the Syrian forces in Lebanon. She said the Lebanese Army might fight the Syrians in a war engineered by the Phalangists. Al-'Attar also warned Israel that Tel Aviv is within range of the smallest Syrian artillery and that Israel's losses will be high in the event of a Syrian-Israeli war.

Iran-Iraq War

Iranian forces have achieved most major goals of their offensive in northern Iraq and are continuing to defend captured positions, collect captured supplies, and mop up Iraqi resistance, an Iranian military communique broadcast by Tehran radio announced on 25 July. The Iranians repulsed several Iraqi counterattacks, destroying an enemy commando brigade, the communique added. Iran has captured about 200 square km of territory, 200 Iraqi soldiers, and 20 tanks during the current offensive, according to related IRNA reports.

An Iraqi military communique carried by INA said Iraqi forces attacked enemy positions in the area, killing more than 700 Iranians. The Iraqi Air Force continued "fierce and intensive" raids on Iranian targets and troop concentrations, the communique stated.

Iran

Pilgrimage Dispute — The Central Council of Friday Imams denounced Saudi measures to prevent Iranian pilgrims from visiting Mecca, calling the measure part of "an Israeli plot" to conquer Mecca and Medina and to prevent Muslims from making their holy pilgrimage, Tehran radio reported. In a message to Islamic information ministers broadcast by Tehran radio, Islamic Guidance Minister Mohammad Khatami claimed the Saudi measures are politically inspired, because of links with the United States and Israel, and trample on "humanitarian and Islamic principles." The Saudi regime is afraid that Iranian participation in the pilgrimage will result in the "faster awakening" of the Saudi people.

Opposition Organization Statement — In a statement carried by the clandestine Radio Iran, the newly formed 14 Mordad Movement urged the Iranian people to support their aims of overthrowing Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni's regime and to establish national rule.

Afghanistan

"Counterrevolutionary elements" detonated a bomb in a Kabul restaurant, wounding six people, Kabul radio reported.

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Ziaul Haq's Japan Visit, U.S. Policy Criticized
LD251919 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Commentary by unidentified BAKHTAR political commentator]

[Text] General Ziaul Haq has completed his visit to Japan, winning the promise of further financial aid to the Government of Pakistan and to the Afghan counterrevolutionaries.

The Pakistani military ruler's talks with the collaborators of the aggressive policy of U.S. imperialism in Tokyo could be viewed as a continuation of the talks in Islamabad with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, whose visit was aimed at trying to make the Pakistani authorities believe that the Geneva talks would not yield any result. It is thought that such pressure might also have been put on the Pakistani authorities in Tokyo to persuade them that the Geneva talks lack the necessary success.

On various occasions, the Government of China for political aims similar to those of Washington, which could be summarized as expansionism, aggression, and (?hegemonism), has tried to prevent talks on Afghanistan by keeping the hotbed of tension alive in South Asia.

Imperialism, and particularly U.S. imperialism, needs a pretext to maintain its control in the Indian Ocean and the Gulf region and also to continue its military presence in South Asia to inflict damage on our budding revolution and to crush progressive and revolutionary movements in the region. Thus, the situation around Afghanistan could be a very good pretext for its action of aggressive policy in this part of the world.

On the one hand, by giving financial and military help to terrorists and murderous counterrevolutionaries against our national and democratic revolution, it is trying in vain to prevent and blunt the revolutionary process of our country and, on the other hand, by overarming Pakistan, is transforming this country into the gendarme in the region and a tool for the implementation of the sinister and plundering aims of its aggressive policy.

By establishing bases in Pakistan, it wants to complete a process whose basis was laid previously with the establishment of a gigantic military base in Diego Garcia and the formation of the rapid deployment force in the Gulf as well as the establishment of similar bases in Somalia, Oman, and even Egypt and Sudan, and the U.S. Central Command. By establishing such a broad military network in the Gulf region and the Indian Ocean which extends to the Far East, it wants to tie the countries in the region including the people of Pakistan in the chains of captivity of its imperialist plundering interests.

By pouring modern and very advanced American weapons into Pakistan, it is devouring all the national revenue of that country and dealing another irreparable blow at the economic body of Pakistan, which is already bent and broken under the pressure of foreign loans. The imposition of all this unnecessary expenditure in order to transform Pakistan into an arsenal obviously mortgages and enslaves the people of this country to the demands of imperialism, particularly to the U.S. world-devouring imperialism. So they, under the (?shadow) of all those tanks and airplanes equipped with radar and early warning systems, will have to accept a compromise against the [word indistinct] policy of imperialist powers. This, and only this, is the main aim of extending all this military aid to Pakistan from U.S. imperialism. Anything else is pretext.

The DRA Government has consistently designed the major elements of its foreign policy to follow the policy of peace, friendship ,and the creation of good-neighborly relations with Iran and Pakistan, and thus has put forward numerous peace-seeking proposals to resolve the questions around Afghanistan which have emanated from the constant imperialist interference in our internal affairs and also for the purpose of creating and consolidating good-neighborly relations. It is due to this peaceful policy that the DRA Government has shown the necessary good will and flexibility at the Geneva talks too. But these imperialist powers, headed by the United States, who have consistently blocked the progress of the talks with various pretexts to prevent a solution of the question around Afghanistan, by flouting the vital interests of the peoples of Pakistan and Afghanistan, are succeeding in their sinister and aggressive designs in the region.

U.S. imperialism and world reaction, by resorting to these intrigues and conspiracies, is prevented by the laws of history from blocking the victories of the peoples of the world who fight for peace, progress, and democracy.

Lahore Raid Uncovers Two SAM-7 Missiles

BK251525 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Text] A press note issued by the Martial Law Administrator, Zone A Headquarters in Lahore said that two SAM-7 ground-to-air missiles were discovered in a raid on the house of (Aftab Gul), advocate, in Lahore yesterday. Investigations are continuing.

PRC Foreign Minister Arrives on Official Visit

BK251732 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Text] The Chinese foreign minister, Mr Wu Xueqian, was given a warm welcome when he arrived in Islamabad this evening on a 5-day official visit to Pakistan. He is accompained by a six-member delegation, including his assistant foreign minister, Mr Liu Shuqing. He was received by the foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, the federal minister for production, Lt Gen Said Qadir, the federal minister for planning and development, Dr Mahbubul Haq.

Later in a statement Mr Wu Xueqian said he would have a wide-ranging discussions and exchange of views with his Pakistani counterpart on international issues of common interest to China and Pakistan. The question of Afghanistan, which is of concern to both countries, would figure prominently at the talks. He said he would also gather first-hand information from Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, who has visited a number of countries for consultations on Afghanistan after his visit to Beijing. He would also get himself acquainted with the latest developments following the indirect talks at Geneva.

He said China and Pakistan have identical views on this question and expressed the hope that the current exchange of views would reinvigorate their stand on this problem. He said besides Afghanistan, there are a number of other matters which require mutual consultations. Mr Wu Xueqian said Pakistan and China enjoy very good relations in various fields such as political, economic, cultural, and scientific. While discussing bilateral relations, they will explore ways and means to further strengthen their relations in these areas.

Before his departure from Beijing, he said China has extensive cooperation with Pakistan in political, economic, cultural, scientific, and technological fields. He said consistent exchange of visits between China and Pakistan are beneficial to developing their traditional friendship, to safeguarding peace and stability in the region, and to promoting South-South cooperation.

To Meet With Zia

OW252004 Hong Kong AFP in English 1941 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Text] Islamabad, July 25 (AFP) — Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian said here today that the Afghanistan problem was a matter of "common interest" to both China and Pakistan.

"For us it is (an issue) of great concern", he told newsmen on his arrival at Islamabad Airport on a five-day visit to Pakistan.

China and Pakistan had identical views on this "basic issue", he said, expressing the hope that his current visit would help further in strengthening these views.

Mr Wu will have two rounds of talks with his Pakistani opposite number Sahabzada Yaqub Khan.

Mr Wu, who is on his first visit to Pakistan since he replaced Huang Hua last year, will also visit an Afghan refugee camp in the Pakistani border town of Peshawar during his stay.

He will meet with President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq, official sources said.

Karachi Commentary Welcomes Wu Xueqian Visit

BK260501 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Station commentary]

[Text] The foreign minister of China, Mr Wu Xueqian, who is arriving here this evening, will have important exchange of views on matters of mutual interest with his Pakistani counterpart, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan. Pakistan's relations with China have grown from strength to strength over the years, and it can be said with confidence that the present visit of the Chinese leader will prove to be another step in cementing the bonds of friendship and cooperation. Both the countries have an unprecedented record of good neighborly relations. Mr Wu is coming here at the invitation of Sahabzada Yaqub Khan. He will also call on President Ziaul Haq. This is Mr Wu's first visit to Pakistan, but he is quite well known to Pakistani leaders. As foreign minister-designate he had participated in the talks during President Ziaul Haq's visit to China in October last year. Then in May this year, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan had a comprehensive exchange of views with Mr Wu Xueqian during his visit to Beijing.

A Foreign Office spokesman has said that frequent exchange of visits between the leaders of the two countries is a testimony to the close and cooperative relations. We have together upheld law and justice in relations between states, the spokesman said. Over the decades China has given generous assistance to Pakistan. Especially valuable has been Chinese cooperation in the building of the heavy mechanical complex, heavy forge and foundary and heavy [word indistinct] factory. These have enabled Pakistan to acquire a degree of self-reliance.

Pakistan-China trade relations have also flourished, attaining the level of half a billion dollars. A notable aspect of this trade has been that China has encouraged imports from Pakistan as much as it has promoted its own exports to Pakistan. As the Foreign Office spokesman has said, China has been an ideal neighbor in all fields of bilateral relations, whether political or economic. Naturally, therefore, Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian's visit is awaited with a great warmth and enthusiasm. During his recent tour of Japan, too, President Ziaul Haq had occasions to refer to

the close cooperative relations existing between Pakistan and China. Both the countries subscribe to the principle of peaceful coexistence and noninterference in internal affairs. Both are committed to the pursuit of progress, and both seek to create and sustain an environment of peace and stability in Asia.

Indian Envoy Confers With Officials on Summit

BK250912 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Text] In Islamabad the Indian ambassador to Pakistan, Mr Sharma, yesterday called on the president's chief of staff, Lieutenant General Arif, and the foreign secretary, Mr Niaz Naik. Both of them had talks on bilateral issues and about the arrangements of the forthcoming conference of seven South Asian foreign ministers on regional cooperation in New Delhi. Mr Sharma is coming to New Delhi today.

Yaqub Khan To Attend Summit

BK241606 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 24 Jul 83

[Text] The foreign ministers of seven South Asian nations are to meet in New Delhi on 1 August to evolve an integrated program of action for promoting regional cooperation in South Asia. Prior to this, the foreign secretaries of these countries will hold a 2-day meeting to make preparations for the foreign ministers' conference. Radio Pakistan's representative says that this will be the first ever conference of the foreign ministers of South Asia. The foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, is to leave for New Delhi on Saturday to take part in the conference.

Political Leader Says MRD Creating 'Disruption'

GF221242 Karachi Dawn in English 19 Jul 83 p 12

[Text] Faisalabad, July 18 — Mian Tufail Mohammad, amir of the defunct Jamaat-i-Islami, has said the MRD leadership is out to create disruption in the country at the instigation of its foreign masters, and the so-called civil disobedience movement is aimed at sabotaging the programme of restoration of democracy in the country.

In an exclusive interview with *Dawn* here today, Mian Tufail said that "whereas the present regime is willing and keen to relinquish its assignment and go back to the barracks, such people (MRD leadership) would not allow this to happen.

"Ironically enough, these people could not do any harm to the government so far and at a juncture when president Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq has given a categorical assurance to declare a political framework on Aug 14, they have started talking of demonstration.

"As prudence demands, we should wait for the declaration till Aug 14 and judge its sincerity to national aspirations and the ideology of Pakistan, failing which we could act or react."

In reply to a question whether in the presence of 1973 Constitution there was any room for a new political framework, he said "although all political parties and their leaders had favoured the 1973 Constitution, a majority among these parties are demanding rationalisation of the powers of the president and prime minister, as well as the withdrawal of the six amendments in the Constitution, enacted during the Bhutto regime."

Asked whether the Jamaat would join the MRD movement for ending the martial law in case Gen Zia failed to put up a clear-cut formula in conformity with national aspirations on Aug 14, Mian Tufail said the MRD was not competent to lead a movement, as it had neither got any programme nor had done any homework.

He ruled out any collaboration with the MRD.

He, however, added that when the Jamaat would that democracy was not being restored, it would devise ways and means to end the martial law.

At that moment it would try to gather together like-minded elements on a platform, he added.

When asked to comment on the allegation his party was in league with the government, he said it was just the reverse, and added that it was PPP [Pakistan People's Party], a component of MRD, which was in league with the government and had its representatives in Majlis-i-Shoora [advisory council].

NEPAL

AFP: New Premier May Face No Confidence Vote

BK251313 Hong Kong AFP in English 1253 GMT 25 Jul 83

[By Kedar Man Singh]

[Text] Katmandu, July 25 (AFP) — Oppoments of Prime Minister Lokendra Bahadur Chand have gained enough support to introduce a motion of no confidence against him barely two weeks after he came to power, sources here said today.

They said that 39 signatures — five more than the required 34 — have been obtained for the motion and it is likely to be introduced in Nepal's National Panchayat, or parliament, next week.

Critics of Mr Chand, who spearheaded a no-confidence motion that ousted Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa on July 11, accused the new government head of fostering "disunity" and "groupism" in the Panchayat.

They also charged him with leniency toward the outlawed Nepali Congress, which held a widely publicized rally here Friday to mark the first anniversary of the death of its leader Bisweswore Prasad Koirala.

More than half the 41 legislators who spoke in yesterday's session demanded action against the leaders of the outlawed Congress for casting "aspersions" on the crown and calling for an end to the partyless Panchayat system.

Mr Chand replied that the constitution guaranteed rights for all Nepalese citizens and he pledged do uphold the laws. "Nothing contrary to the laws would be allowed and the limits of the law should not be trespassed," he said.

Also at issue was Mr Chand's remarks Thursday at a news conference where he said that he did not believe a no-confidence resolution was being considered in the house, which elected him unopposed.

"I don't beleive that such a motion would come so soon," the prime minister said. His opponents interpreted the remarks as a bid to pre-empt their constitutional rights.

But Mr Chand later said, "my remarks regarding the no-confidence motion did not imply that I have no faith in the provision of the constitution regarding the vote of no confidence against the prime minister."

Mr Thapa and many of his ousted ministers are among the National Panchayat members out for the political scalp of Mr Chand, a 44-year-old lawyer who came under attack almost immediately after assuming office. His government was criticized for endorsing the economic plans and budget prepared under Mr Thapa, who was accused of inefficiency and failure to curb corruption and improve the economy.

Mr Chand announced a series of price rollbacks for electricity, rice and soyabean oil, as well as the release of 32 political prisoners, but observers doubted whether the moves would be enough.

In yesterday's session, legislator Ganesh Sherchan alleged that the Water Resources and Local Supply Minister Rashupati Rana had misled the house by stating that the price of soyabean oil had been reduced when it had not been fixed earlier.

With tempers rising over the question of the Nepali Congress and other issues, the National Panchayat's chairman Marich Man Singh adjourned the proceedings until Thursday.

Meanwhile, few bills have been introduced by the new government in view of its possible ouster through a no-confidence vote.

Political observers here said that the present session is expected to end soon, immediately after passing the 1983-84 budget which was introduced July 17.

The question is whether the Chand Government can wind up the National Panchayat session before a motion of no-confidence vote can be presented.

SRI LANKA

24-hour Curfew Imposed; Violence Reported

BK251616 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1545 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Text] The curfew which is now in force in the Colombo, Jaffna, Gampaha, and Kalutara districts will continue throughout tomorrow. It will be lifted at 0500 on Wednesday, the 27th. The curfew in the municipal areas of Colombo, Galle, Dehiwela-Mount Lavinia, and the urban council areas of Kotte, Wattala-Mabole, Kolonnawa, Moratuwa, Ja-ela, and the greater Colombo economic commission area commenced at 1400 today.

Under emergency regulations, curfew violators will be shot without warning and the death penalty applies to offenses of looting. From 1830 today, police were under instructions to ensure the strict enforcement of the curfew. Curfew violators are likely to be shot after being challenged. Several persons engaged in a looting during curfew hours have already been shot by the police.

Tomorrow has been declared a public holiday. All public institutions and schools will be closed throughout the island. It is expected that private sector institutions will follow suit.

A news release issued by the United National Party requests all members of Parliament of the party to extend the fullest cooperation to the police and other law enforcing officers to maintain peace as unruly elements are reported to be taking advantage of the present situation. All members of Parliament were requested to return to their electorates as early as possible.

Indian Mission Staffers Attacked

BK260315 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 26 Jul 83

[Text] In Colombo, some miscreants yesterday attacked the residence of the Indian acting high commissioner, Mr (Aryan Abhenkar), in the wake of rioting which left several civilians dead. Reports say that residences of some other staff members of the Indian mission were also attacked. Curfew has been clamped in the city and several other areas of Sri Lanka.

BBC, quoting Radio Colombo, said that several people were shot by the police because they were found looting. The government had earlier warned that those violating curfew would be shot without warning and looters would face death penalty. The government has announced a public holiday today. The curfew has been extended till tomorrow morning.

People reaching Madras from Colombo spoke of rising smoke over a section of the city. Passengers reaching Colombo from Madras by the morning flight could not enter the city.

Meanwhile, India has conveyed its distress over the incidents. The secretary in the External Affairs Ministry, Mr K.S. Bajpai, summoned the Sri Lanka high commissioner yesterday and sought assurances from him that life and property of Indian residents would be protected. The Indian high commissioner in Sri Lanka, Mr J.S. Chatwal, who had come to New Delhi for the South Asian regional cooperation meeting, is rushing back to Colombo today in view of the situation. In Madras, security arrangements around the residences of the Sri Lanka deputy high commissioner and other officials of the mission have been tightened. Security has also been tightened around Indian House, the residence of India's high commissioner to Sri Lanka.

In a statement in Madras, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam president, Mr Karunanidhi, appealed to the center to take immediate steps to end what he called atrocities being committed on the Tamilians in Sri Lanka.

Deaths Set at Over 60

BK260737 Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi 0735 GMT 26 Jul 83

[Text] Reports from Sri Lanka say that looting and arson are still continuing in Colombo despite the curfew. UPI says sporadic shooting has been heard as government troops tried to disperse rioters. Official reports put the death toll from the latest violence at more than 60.

Reports from Colombo also say firemen were fighting a major blaze at the state bank of India building, which also houses India's diplomatic mission to Sri Lanka.

13 Tamil Inmates 'Massacred'

BK260910 Hong Kong AFP in English 0900 GMT 26 Jul 83

[Text] Colombo, July 26 (AFP) — Jail inmates broke into the cells of Tamil detainees and massacred 37 of them as ethnic violence hitting the capital spilled over into Welikade prison here, it was announced today. The prisoners, who were killed yesterday as Colombo was under curfew, had either been convicted of terrorist crimes or detained under the anti-terrorist law.

Official sources said that prisoners defying official orders broke into the Tamils' cells and attacked them.

The Justice Ministry said that an inquiry is being held into the massacre.

Social Service Ministry sources said that 3,000 Tamils who lost their homes in the arson rampage yesterday had sought refuge in schools and religious institutions. They were being given food, the source said.

President Junius Jayanwardene, who presided at a meeting which included cabinet ministers and service chiefs, today decided to lift the 39 hour curfew at 5 a.m. Wednesday (2330 gmt Tuesday) and reimpose it at 6 p.m. in Colombo, Jaffna and two other districts.

All public and private institutions closed today are to reopen tomorrow, but employees would leave early at 3 p.m. Schools are to remain closed.

Further AFP Report

BK261054 Hong Kong AFP in English 1045 GMT 26 Jul 83

[By Neville Desilva —AFP transmits: "This dispatch was subject to censorship."]

[Excerpt] Colombo, July 26 (AFP) — Security forces patrolled this tense, curfew-bound capital today after an orgy of killing and arson in which 37 Tamil prisoners were massacred in a jail, officials said. The long,simmering ethnic violence, which left about 3,000 Tamils homeless, erupted following the killing on Saturday of 13 soldiers by Tamil separatists in an ambush in the northern Jaffna area, Sri Lanka's Tamil heartland.

Armed troops and police manned key points and patrolled the city where smoke curled from gutted Tamil-owned shops along Galle Street, the main throughfare along the sea front. A curfew imposed at 2 p.m. Monday was due to be lifted at 5 a.m. tomorrow (2330 GMT Tuesday), but President Junius Jayewardene decided that it would be reimposed at 6 p.m. in Colombo, Jaffna and other districts, official sources said.

Officials said that the massacre occurred yesterday at Welikade jail in Colombo. They said that prisoners, defying official orders, broke into the Tamils' cells and killed 37 of them. The Tamils had either been convicted of crimes under the anti-terrorism law or detained under its provisions, the officials said. They gave no details of the massacre or of how many Tamils were held in Welikade prison. The Justice Ministry said an inquiry was being held.

Despite the censorship in force, authorities allowed the news of the massacre to be filed by this correspondent around 0800 GMT, but insisted on a 10 hour worldwide embargo.

Officials said three people died in the incidents in Colombo. Yesterday this correspondent saw three bodies in the streets. Mobsters had profitted from the violence and confusion to go on a looting spree, ransacking abandoned homes and burning shops. Patrols were also mounted in the suburbs. Sporadic violent incidents were reported today, but official sources said that the situation had improved.

Meanwhile about 3,000 Tamils who lost their homes and shops in yesterday's arson attacks huddled in schools and religious institutions, Social Service Ministry sources said. The crisis was discussed at a meeting of the cabinet and service chiefs chaired by Mr. Jayewardene.

All public and private institutions remained closed today but were to reopen for about seven hours tomorrow. Schools would remain closed.

Sporadic violence rippled through the capital late Saturday after news of the ambush spread. As the situation deteriorated and looting started, a curfew was announced yesterday.

Volunteer forces were mobilised and were to be deployed today. At first it was to have been from 6 p.m. in Western Province, including Colombo and northern Jaffna. But, with blazes breaking out and Tamils fleeing to safety, the government advanced the start of the curfew to 2 p.m. and offices and schools were closed.

Officials warned that curfew violaters could be shot on sight and that looters would face the death penalty. But this threat was no deterrent: as the fires burned, mobsters had a field day looting shops and houses, taking away all they could carry. Security forces found it difficult to combat widespread arson.

(In New Delhi, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA reported travellers arriving from Sri Lanka as saying they saw groups chasing one another through the Colombo streets.)

Colombo was like a ghost city when this correspondent toured it early today.

Whiffs of grey smoke curled skyward from charred ruins. Some Tamils' homes had been damaged. Looters staggered down the street burdened with television sets and pedestal fans. Nearby a shop suddenly belched smoke.

Jayewardene Presides Over Curfew Conference 26 July

BK261107 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 26 Jul 83

[Text] The curfew, which is now in force in the Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara, and Jaffna districts, will be lifted at 0500 tomorrow, the 27th. It will be reimposed on the same day at 1800 in the four districts and reterminated at 0500 on the 28th morning.

This was decided at a conference presided over by President J.R. Jayewardene. The conference was attended by the prime minister, several ministers, senior officials, the police and service chiefs at the army headquarters this morning.

It was also decided that all public and private institutions, which were closed today, will reopen tomorrow. They have been advised to close at 1500 to enable employees to get home before the curfew. All schools in the areas affected by the curfew will, however, remain closed tomorrow.

Supreme Defense Council Holds Session 25 July

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[Text] According to a report by our correspondent, the Supreme Defense Council held a session last night. It was chaired by Mr Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i. Present at the session were Messrs Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the imam's representative on the Supreme Defense Council; Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi; General Zahirnajad; Colonel Salimi; and Shamkhani, acting head of the Islamic revolution guards and head of the war propaganda department.

The victorious Wal Fajr-II operation was studied during this session.

At the conclusion of the session, Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the imam's representative on the Supreme Defense Council, explained the topics discussed at last night's session in an interview with our correspondent. The interview will be broadcast in a later newscast.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Comments

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[From the news headlines]

[Text] Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the imam's representative at the Supreme Defense Council, talked to our correspondent following last night's council session. He referred to the great victories of the combatants of Islam in the Wal Fajr-II operations and said: According to the documents captured from Hajj 'Umran Garrison, the enemy military commanders were well aware of the time and location of these operations. Yet despite this, the first surprise attack launched by our combatants forced them to retreat and sustain heavy casualties. We, at the same time, suffered only minimal casualties.

The imam's representative at the Supreme Defence Council, referring to Iraq's threats, said the Islamic Republic of Iran is maintaining the security of the Persian Gulf. He said: It would be very easy for us to make the Persian Gulf unsafe if we wished. We can move in such a way as to prevent ships from entering or leaving the Persian Gulf. If they want to engage in adven turism,we are ready to confront them.

Joint Operations Base Issues Communique No 6

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[Communique No 6 of Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohada Headquarters]

[Excerpt] The forces of Islam consisting of valiants of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, selfless guards and combatants of the mobilization force of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps, Muslim Kurdish peshmerga, and Muslim Iraqi combatants, who have started the Wal Fajr-II operation under the command of theHamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohada Headquarters, with the aim of capturing the region's strategic heights, the important Hajj 'Umran Garrison, the bases of the Zionist enemy; of crushing the source of support of the insurgents and counter-revolutionary groups inside Iraqi territory; and of destroying the enemy force, currently have achieved most major goals of the operation and are continuing to defend captured positions, to collect captured supplies, and to mop up enemy resistance.

The Zionist-Ba'thist force of the Baghdad regime, following the liberation of the region's important and strategic zones, attempted a few fruitless counteroffensives, which were bravely repulsed by the forces of Islam. After destruction of a special Saddamist commando brigade, the Ba'thist-Zionist mercenaries fled, leaving behind weapons and equipment.

In one of those counteroffensives, the dirty elements of the Komoleh group were severely beaten and many of them were killed. During mopping up operations, the combatants of Islam seized a large number of important documents, including documents linking the counterrevolutionary groups active in the western part of the country with the Zionist-Ba'thist regime of Iraq.

Guards Officer Reports 200 Square Km Liberated

GF251739 Tehran IRNA in English 1715 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Text] Urumiyeh, July 25, IRNA — The Islamic combatants have liberated about 200 sq. kms of land and captured some 200 Iraqi soldiers during the victorious Wal Fajr-2 operations, according to one of the operation commanders of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) in the Hamzeh headquarters.

This commander added that the massive Wal Fajr-2 offensive demonstrated to counterrevolutionaries that they would not be safe even under Saddam's protection.

He went on to say that despite the enemy's reliance on the highly fortified and mountainous terrain of the operational area, the Islamic defenders enjoying rapid and efficient logistical support succeeded in overrunning the enemy by crushing the latter's strongholds. In these operations, he said, the enemy sustained heavy losses and casualties as the Iranian forces killed or wounded some 3,800 aggressors as well as seizing a great amount of heavy and light arms including a number of tanks, personnel carriers and artillery pieces, munitions dumps and various vehicles.

The commander further added that the defeated enemy vainly tried to stop the advance of the Islamic troops by aerial attacks and bombardment of the heights and the town of Piranshahr, in West Azarbayjan Province. However, he concluded, all these attempts were immediately smashed by the timely interception of the air force fighters, air defence units and Havaniruz (air support for the ground forces).

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,392
LD251821 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Communique No 1,392 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. We inform the dear compatriots of the latest developments in the battlefronts of the imposed war.

On the operational fronts in Piranshah, intense firing and sporadic clashes continued. The victorious and powerful fighters of Islam strengthened their positions and repulsed the limited attacks of the enemy. On other western fronts of the country, the fighters of Islam opened defensive fire and silenced the fire of the Iraqi forces.

In the Bakhtaran border region, our fighters captured six Iraqis. Directing heavy artillery fire on the positions of the forces of Saddam, they destroyed more than 14 enemy slit trenches and foxholes, set fire to one of their trucks, and killed or wounded between 30 and 40 of Saddam's mercenaries. During the exchange of fire in the Baneh border region, several enemy positions were destroyed. On the Marivan front, the Muslim fighters set fire to enemy positions in the (Banasutch) and Valiabad regions and inflicted considerable losses and casualties on the Iraqi forces. In the Sumar region, an enemy patrol tried to approach our defensive lines, but was forced to flee.

Yesterday on most of the southern fronts, exchange of artillery and other heavy weapons fire continued and our forces continued strengthening their defensive positions and controlling the movement of enemy forces. By sending out several patrols, our forces inflicted losses and casualties on the Iraqi forces.

On the Abadan front, the heroic forces of the Gendarmerie opened fire on the enemy positions on the other side of the Arvand Rud,destroying some of their positions and killing a number of the Iraqis. Yesterday, as the result of the heavy weapons fire of the criminal forces of Saddam, three houses were destroyed and a number of palm groves were damaged.

During the past 24 hours, the tactical operations of the self-sacrificing forces of the air units and the defensive fire of the antiaircraft units repulsed all enemy planes.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Foreign Reporters Invited To Witness Victories
LD260224 Tehran IRNA in English 1942 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Text] Tehran, July 25, IRNA — The War Information Headquarters (WIH) today invited foreign reporters residing here to inspect achievements of successful Wal Fajr-2 operations launched Friday.

In an announcement, the WIH called on foreign media representatives in Tehran to further inform world public opinion of realities of victorious Wal Fajr-2 operations.

The reporters were invited to inspect the liberated Hajj 'Umran Garrison, Azadi (former King) Heights, mountainous areas overlooking some Iraqi districts, positions (?of the) revolutionaries as well as the great quantity of arms seized from the enemy.

The announcement added that foreign reporters residing in Tehran should refer to the foreign press department of Ershad-e Eslai (Islamic Guidance) Ministry today, July 25, to arrange their departure to the operation area.

Foreign Ministry Spokesman on Oil Field Raids
LD252336 Tehran IRNA in English 2009 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Text] Tehran, July 25, IRNA — (In connection with the recent threats of the Iraqi regime of attacking Iran's oil installations, IRPD [as received] received more detailed explanations from a Foreign Ministry spokesman.)

The spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic, Morteza Sarmadi, speaking to IRNA restated Iranian Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati's comments in this regard, that Iraq's threats last declared in a press conference by Foreign Minister Tariq 'Aziz, was in fact a kind of intimidation against the countries of the Persian Gulf and a threat to peace in a region

He added that this threat was in continuation of Iraq's previous policies to involve other countries in the region in the war imposed upon Iran. He said Iraq set out upon this course of action last March by missile attacking Iranian oil fields in the Persian Gulf that caused a massive oil spill and its consequent pollution in the marine environment, creating serious problems for the littoral countries.

Sarmadi said that Iraq so far used all its military resources against Iran including weaponry provided by the superpowers, and especially France. He added that since Iraq was aware of Iran's sensitivity and determination on the export of its oil from the region and the security of shipping in the Persian Gulf, thus such threats were indeed directed against all countries of the region as well.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman said the Iraqi threat was a measure to create chaos in the region and also an invitation to the superpowers to intervene in the region.

"Therefore the Islamic Republic of Iran expects that other countries in the region would make a reasonable response to threats and bullyings of Baghdad which are aimed at creating disorders and increasing tensions in the region," he said.

"They (the countries of the region) should make Iraq understand that a country on the verge of defeat cannot impose its illegitimate views on others."

He once again reflected the Iranian foreign minister's statement that if Iraq intends to attack Iranian oil installations with the help of the superpowers," she (Iraq) should understand beyond any doubt that if Iran is deprived of her oil exports other countries in the region will be deprived of this as well."

Minister Addresses 'Open Letter' to Muslim States

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[Text] Tehran, July 23, IRNA — In an open letter to information ministers of the Muslim states, the Iranian Minister of Ershad-e Eslami (Islamic Guidance) Hojjat ol-Eslam Khatami today called on them to raise their voices against the Saudi Government and the transgressors against the rights and interests of the Muslim people. The following are excerpts from his letter:

The Islamic Republic of Iran inspired by the holy Koran and upon Imam Khomeyni's leadership calls for an all-out struggle by the Muslim people of the world for exterminating the Zionist regime and liberating all of the occupied lands of Palestine, whereas the Saudi Government is the architect of schemes aimed at safeguarding the security of the usurper Israel, and at protecting it from the holy wrath of the Muslim people, and by its peculiar policies it has inflicted a blow upon the militant dimension of the Palestinian struggle against the occupying Zionists, always leading reactionary and dependent moves in this respect.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is the outcome of a great revolution inspired by Islam and by the Islamic leadership, bringing the fall of a monarchical government here which was an ally of the usurper Israel and a protector of the interests of the United States and other colonialistic powers in the region. It is natural that this revolution should not be welcomed by those who had developed the most intimate relations with the toppled ex-shah of Iran and those who followed similar policies as he did.

Today the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is worried about the presence of Iranians in the international congregation of hajj and is feeling uneasy about their natural and unhampered communication and dialogue with the rest of the Muslim people of the world, which communication will serve to bring a faster awakening of the Muslim people and among them the Muslim people of Saudi Arabia, and which will jeopardise the foothold of reactionary forces in the region...

Mecca and Medina belong to all Muslims of the world and the domination of the Saudi Government over Hijaz would not invest it with the right of claim sole title to ka'bah or to exploit a political advantage for fulfilling vicious policies or for imposing them on others as irrefutable principles...

The Muslim people of the world...regard the divinely and great congregation of hajj as the best forum for bringing up the questions and topic relevant to the Muslim world, for exchanging views on threats against the Muslim world by the global enemies of Islam...whereas the Saudi Government, for reason of its own commitments and policies, opposes the critical reviewing of such issues, especially where it pertains to the United States and the Zionist regime. The brutal clash of the Saudi police with the Iranian Muslims last year is one evidence in proof of this statement. This year the Saudi Government is trying barefacedly and by imaginery excuses to prevent the impending journey of about 100,000 Iranian Muslims who have shown the highest self-abnegation for upholding Islam...

We do hereby remind you and rest of the Muslim world that in the wake of the many and varied encroachments of the great satan, the world-devouring United States upon the dignity and independence of many parts of the Muslim world...in the wake of the occupation of Afghanistan by the invading forces of the Soviet Union...in the wake of the occupation of Palestine and the barbarous invasion of southern Lebanon by the Zionists and their brutal massacre of people especially in Sabra and Shatila and in the wake of the tyrannical invasion of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the ruling regime in Iraq and the killing of civilian inhabitants by missiles, and cluster bombs, and in the wake of the various military, political and propaganda plots against the oppressed nations and especially against the most antagonized political system in the world that is the Islamic Republic of Iran by the oppressive powers of the world and their agents, now another encroachment is taking shape by the Saudi regime for trampling upon the most basic religious and historic rights of the Muslims. This is a catastrophic scheme which if the Saudi Government — God forbid — should carry out will not be restricted to the Iranian pilgrims but rather will be exploited later on as a lever for bringing pressure upon the Muslim governments and people who are after independence and freedom from the domination of the oppresive powers...

The Muslim people of the world will, without doubt, support the Iranian people in their struggle for keeping ka'bah aloof from the impact of un-Islamic and dependent policies, but even so this would not remove the burden of responsibility from the shoulder of the heads of the Muslim states...

I do urge you to raise an outcry of protest against the transgressors upon the rights and interests of the Muslim people for the sake of Islam...so that in future time when the nations will have eradicated the ominious shadow of foreign-inspired agents from their lands you will feel exalted before God and his men.

Iraqis, Kurds Urged To Rise Against Saddam

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[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Oh kinsmen in bloody Iraq, revolutionaries in heroic Kordestan: This is the day for which you have been waiting.The road is paved for you. Our heroes are continuously fighting to eliminate all obstacles to your escalation of the volatile Islamic revolution in Muslim Iraq.

This is your dreamed of day when you will teach Saddam, his clique, and the agents of the infidel 'Aflaqist Ba'th the awaited destructive lesson. Men of Iraq rise. Faithful men of Kordestan, rise up for the support of your religion, Islam, in order to establish an Islamic homeland as your brethren in the Islamic Republic of Iran did. Raise the slogan of "No God but God and Mohammad is God's messenger."

Lay siege to security and intelligence agents who drown in the blood of the innocent Iraqi people. Kill them wherever you find them. This is the time for salvation. The time for revenge has come.

Do break the barrier of fear that surrounds you and you will find out how weak these agents are. They are incapable of doing anything. People of Arbil, Karkuk, and As-Sulaymaniyah go to the streets. Destroy the barriers of Ba'thist terrorism. Destroy them by shouting "God is great." The coward Ba'thists are very weak before the call of "God is great" — this is the call of salvation, of freedom, of dignity, of the holy revolution, and of the way that leads to victory. Oh Muslim Kurds, this is the time for freedom. Fear not the horrified bats and the rats of the Ba'th. They are terrified and you will find them so, as you shout "God is great" and as you shout: Woe unto you, the ancestors of the Zionists. Woe unto you, you crusader criminals. Woe unto you, unto your Saddam and unto those who work in his clique.

The soldiers of Islam are coming to support you in your struggle against the Ba'thist 'Aflaqists who are against God. They are coming to back you. Yesterday they liberated the soil of Kordestan in Iraq which embraces the soil of the Kordestan of Islam in Iran. They are continuing their victories. They donot fear Saddam, nor do they fear the United States or France. They do not fear their planes, their tanks, any of their weapons. Oh children of the Euphrate [words indistinct] what comes after giving away the gold. What did Saddam benefit from this gold? What he gathers from you against your will will be returned to you [words indistinct]. This is what we expect from this Takriti beast.

Do you want all this? This will destroy your lives. Did he not say once that he will make Iraq a devastated country with no people? People die once. Let this death be for the sake of God. Know that victory is coming through your will, through your strong and united uprising. Children of Iraq take advantage of the present opportunity and put an end to this tyrant. Fear not the weapons they have accumulated. When you rise against them they will be very weak to raise these weapons. Oh sons, revolt and count on God, because God grants victory to those who obey him and fails those who fail his message. Victory comes from the Almighty God.

First Group of POW's Transferred Behind Fronts

GF230626 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0616 GMT 23 Jul 83

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Dear listeners, please pay attention to the following report received moments ago: The first batch of prisoners from the diminishing army of the Ba'thist-Zionist Iraqi regime who were captured by the forces of Islam were transferred to behind the fronts at 0930 today. According to dispatches by IRNA correspondents, a number of hapless officers and NCO's of the Iraqi Army are among these prisoners.

IRNA Cites Majlis Speaker on France, Iraq, Martyrdom

GF221758 Tehran IRNA in English 1717 GMT 22 Jul 83

[Text] Tehran, July 22 IRNA — Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani Thursday spoke on the great and vast dimension of the Islamic revolution as well as the investments of the enemies of Islam to suppress this revolution. Explaining the role of France in this connection, he said France was endeavouring with all its power and with utmost shamelessness to suppress the Islamic Republic and to strengthen its enemies. He continued that France which had at one time shown hospitality to the leader of the revolution is now committing the dirtiest and most scandalous moves. This country has ignored humane principles and international policies, and it seems is hell-bent on carrying out its mission. It has entered the scene supporting Iraq in its imposed war against Iran, has supplied it with modern munitions equipment, is sheltering several terrorists who are distributing leaflets in Paris with the government's consent even though they have confessed to their crimes. Furthermore it is supporting several highjackers who are international ciminals, and protects persons who have stolen Iran's gunships and ships while at sea.

The Majlis speaker stated that the Socialist Party of France has been unabashedy committing such crimes, and that if Iran had no international obligations toward France, it was acceptable. [sentence as received] France which was in a bad economic condition and was in need of the dollars of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and other sheikhdoms and was begging from them, seems to have received a great loan for performing its mission and we must wait for the right time to inflict the reciprocal blow upon France, said Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani.

Speaking in a meeting with personnel of the ideological- political office of the Defence Ministry and a group of staff of the welfare and social services organisation, he commented on the situation of the army in the former regime and the policy of the United States and the shah's family for keeping the army away from the people. He said the army was now allowed to be among the society and the connection of the people and the army personnel was not like that of the past regime.

Referring to the mission of the welfare organisation, the Majlis speaker said that a society which was not sure of its future would not work with all its power and that the welfare organisation and others should act in a way so as to create confidence among the people about their future.

Stressing that deprivation was not limited to food, water and clothing Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani said that the ruffians of world oppression did not let the deprived realise their pains and this was the main reason why the oppressors maintained their strangle hold over the oppressed. Thus, he continued, we must acquaint the people with their rights and their real needs etc. so that they embark on taking their rights.

In another development, a brigade of Islamic revolution's guards who wer being dispatched to the battlefields met with Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani Thursday evening. The Majlis speaker told them that they had taken up guns at this critical and fateful time to defend Islam, Koran and the Islamic land. He further said that they had been engaged in a fateful war against an aggressive country and a traitor regime to Islamic ideals.

Mentioning the great victories of Islamic combatants in the northern parts of the battle scene, he said that a very strong blow was dealt on bandits and counterrevolution in Kordestan and beyond the international border strips. Through this move the

Islamic defenders demolished the counterrevolution's bases inside Iraq and inflicted heavy human casualties upon Iraqis. Also a sensitive region was liberated.

He stressed that as long as the world was filled with corruption, and Islam was threatened, the struggle by Iran's combatants should continue. He said the confrontation between the Islamic Republic vis-a-vis infidelity and discord would not end so early and if we leave alone the enemy he will not leave.

Presently, he said there is an overall invasion against us in order to prevent Islam from being brought forth as a doctrine and the revolution from rescuing the people. In this connection the reactionary and oil-rich Arab countries were endeavouring by using the mass media of the capitalist and communist world, to prevent us from showing way to the deliverance to the people entrapped by oppression.

Talking about the success of the Islamic Republic, he said that the country's situation was by far better in economic and political area and considerable successes were achieved in the battle fronts while on the contrary the enemy has become weaker and more unstable compared with the first day.

He then emphasised that the guardsmen were not dispatched to the battlefields for martyrdom but for the liberation of Al-Bayt al-Muqaddas [holy shrines] and of the people of Iraq from the Zionist and the Aflaqi Iraqis. Their goal was to achieve victory and to annihilate the enemy, yet if they were martyred it was a great honour for them, their family and the Muslim nation.

Bright Star-2, Egypt 'Crisis' Viewed

GF251617 Tehran IRNA in English 1555 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Text] Tehran, July 24, IRNA—The Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran [words indistinct] today termed the concurrence of the arrest of 25 militant Muslims in Egypt with expanding protest rallies against a scheduled Bright Star-2 maneuver by the U.S. rapid aggression (deployment) forces and with the resumption of the trial of another 300 Muslim militants in Egypt a clear indication of the aggrevating post-Camp David crisis in Egypt and of an early fall of the dictatorial government in Egypt. Excerpts.

"The news of the resumption of the trial of 300 Muslim militants in Egypt on charges of membership in the underground organisations of Attakfir Wal Hijra is an indication of a worsening crisis in Egypt and the accelerating tempo of the people's uprising there. Members of the Attakfir Wal Hijra are charged with involvement in a subversive plot for toppling Mubarak's dictatorial government and establishing an Islamic republic in that country: a charge which all the arrested militants have proudly attested to its truth.

"The revolutionary Muslims shouted in the sham tribunal that they took pride in their efforts for establishing a divinely government based on the dictates of the holy Quran. They said also they were proud to have been incriminated on such charges in a Muslim state whose constitution recognizes Islam as the state religion.

"The resumption of the trial of 300 Egyptian Muslims which is to start in Cairo today indicates efforts by Mubarak's government for detracting public attention and the vigilant conscience of the world people from a rising crisis which is threatening his puppet government ...

"Today Egypt is writhing in a political and economic crisis and its people are rising in opposition to the involvement of the U.S. military forces in Egypt on the pretext of the Bright Star-2 a joint military maneuver which is to start in about 18 days and last one month. Every day the cities in Egypt and especially Cairo are live with sporadic demonstrations in protest against the joint maneuver by Egypt, Sudan, Somalia, Oman and the rapid intervention (deployment) forces of the United States known in this maneuver by Central Command. Even government affiliated papers at times openly criticise the idea of the joint maneuver. Ahmad Hamrush, a columnist in the Arabic weekly *Rose al-Yusuf*, said recently that the maneuvers serve to fulfill Washington's military plots. He said by overemphasising on external threats, Washington aims at deploying its rapid deployment forces in the region, while the real threat which Egypt faces is the Zionist regime ...

"Last Tuesday Husni Mubarak ... said to a gathering of the congress of the youth members of National Democrat Party of Egypt that the country's secret police had discovered an underground resistance organisation and that the organisation members had been arrested. he said also that the arrested persons—whom he described as terrorists—all had connection with a foreign country. Following that two days ago the Arabic weekly *Akhbar al-Yawm* said in a report that 73 persons had been arrested on charges of conspiracy and subversive activities. In other reports at least 25 Muslim militants were arrested for connection with a Muslim organisation called (Hezbottahrirol-Eslami). The daily *Al-Ahram* said that the group meant to topple the Egyptian Government and institute an Islamic government in its place ...

"The arrest of members of the organization has served Mubarak with an excuse for [words indistinct] a commentary today the Voice of the Islamic Republic said that the scheduled deployment of 572 mid-range Pershing-2 and cruise missiles in the European countries, and allies of the United States is a dangerous plan likely to hurl the world into a nuclear war. Excerpts:

"Ronald Reagan had agreed to a limited nuclear war ... and Washington is going to install 572 mid-range Pershing-2 and cruise misiles with nuclear warheads in Europe to counter the Soviet-made SS-20 missiles now installed in the East European countries. The United States and the Soviet Union continue to manufacture and stock-pile weapons expending the highest-ever budgets since World War II. Peculiar to the deployment of NATO and Warsaw forces is periodic displays of military capacity by both of the two organisations. Ironically, however, NATO officials have said that the organisations budget falls short of responding to its militaristic operations. They have said that a budget increase of four percent is a must if NATO is to survive.

"By staging such maneuvers, the world imperialism means to ensure the continuous presence of its forces in Europe within the framework of a limited nuclear war as envisaged by Reagan."

Oil Minister Gharazi Addresses Student Group

GF221708 Tehran IRNA in English 1630 GMT 22 Jul 83

[Text] Stockholm, July 22, IRNA — Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi met with a group of members of the Iranian Muslim Students Association here and answered their questions about the various politico-economic situation and policies in the Islamic Republic.

Asked about the foreign trade nationalisation bill, Gharazi said that the government had full control over trade matters and the private sector should conform itself with government policies in this regard.

He said the Islamic Republic had done its best to provide facilities for the growth of agriculture. Although the Islamic Republic is trying to rid itself of a number of problems and achieve greater self-sufficiency, nevertheless some goods and equipment were still being imported because of the consumerist and colonialist policies of the past, he said.

On land ownership, Gharazi said that land and capital were no longer monopolised in Iran, but added that looking into the affairs of poor was much easier than to disposses the rich.

The minister also stressed need to provide the tools and means for the growth of talented people so that they could better serve the Islamic Republic.

Opposition Organization Issues First Statement

GF251648 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian 1330 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Text] Dear compatriots, please pay attention, please pay attention. The text of statement No 1 by the 14-Mordad Movement has been issued on the eve of 14 Mordad [5 August], the anniversary of the Iranian constitutional movement.

The creation of the 14 Mordad Movement brought about throughout the unity of nationalist organizations in the cities of Shiraz, Tehran, Esfahan, and Tabriz hereby is announced. We ask the entire Iranian nation to support this organization which has no aim but that of the overthrow of the regime of Khomeyni and the establishment of national rule in Iran.

The 14 Mordad Movement, on the eve of the anniversary of the constitutional movement, invites everyone to support the first political-national action of this organization. We invite the attention of the dear compatriots to the second statement of this organization, which will be carried by Radio Iran within the next 2 or 3 days.

Another Attack on French Office in Tehran Reported

GF251645 Tehran IRNA in English 1612 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Text] Tehran, July 24, IRNA — A building belonging to the French Embassy in Tehran was subjected to a futile attack last Sunday night carried out by a terrorist who managed to escape.

The French commercial centre, located in north Tehran, was slightly damaged at 22:30 hours local time Sunday by a hand-made explosive thrown by an unidentified terrorist.

An official at th Central Committee of the Islamic Revolution told IRNA in a telephone interview that efforts were underway to find the person or persons involved in the incident.

On Thursday night, a similar explosive was thrown at the same building and the French Airlines office causing little damage to both. On the same night an explosive slightly damaged a residential unit of the Iranian radio and television, which neighbors the commercial centre.

Foreign news agencies have attempted to attach the terrorist attacks to the Armenian national liberation army and although such actions against French interests are because of that country's colonialist policies in various points in the world, nevertheless such terrorist operations are not in the interest of the Islamic Revolution.

In the past, the Islamic Republic of Iran has repeatedly expressed its condemnation over such terrorist actions and their agents.